



# STOP THE HATE

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# PICC

- Diverse coalition of more than 50 member organizations and numerous individuals that represents the needs of immigrants, migrants, refugees and other new Americans living in Pennsylvania to policy makers, public officials, and the general public.
- PICC seeks to advance immigrants' rights and promote their full integration into society by advocating for fair policies that welcome and sustain immigrants.
- PICC brings together community groups, social and legal service providers, mutual assistance associations, unions, faith communities, immigrant leaders, and concerned individuals



# Looking ahead in 2019

- Pennsylvania should pursue policies that make our state more welcoming to newcomers.
- We need policies that reflect our values of compassion, inclusiveness, and diversity and work to end unjust deportations, reunify and keep families together and welcome those seeking asylum and refuge.
- The following guidelines have been developed in partnership with PICC members and immigrant leaders in Pennsylvania with goal of giving allies and policymakers with guidance on how to support the needs and well-being of immigrant and refugee communities in Pennsylvania.



# PICCC's Priorities in 2019

**Ending police/ICE collaboration**

**Ensuring equal access to higher education**

Access to Driver Licenses for all (next webinar!)

Welcoming New Americans: a State Office for New Americans (next webinar!)



# ENDING POLICE/ICE COLLABORATION

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# Ending Police/ICE Collaboration

- The U.S. government's use of ICE holds undermines everyone's basic rights.
- Law enforcement leaders around the country have uniformly rejected similar policies on public safety grounds.
- Policies that allow local law enforcement officials to screen and report the immigration status of anyone they have stopped or arrested jeopardizes public safety.
- Local jurisdictions cannot be forced to help federal immigration enforcement officials carry out deportations.
- We should be helping immigrant families, not hurting them.

# Ending Police/ICE Collaboration

- **Communities are safer when local law enforcement is separate from immigration enforcement. Effective policies must:**
  - Prevent law enforcement from inquiring about a person's immigration status, citizenship, national origin, or country of birth
  - Forbid sharing information or resources with ICE for the purpose of civil immigration enforcement
  - Require a judicial warrant to detain or hold any person for ICE
  - Mandate training for all officers on the requirements of a policy limiting collaboration with ICE and establish clear accountability measures for violation of the policy



# Talking Points

- No ethnic profiling
- No prolonging a stop beyond the time needed for its legitimate purpose
- No questioning about immigration status, national origin, citizenship, or country of birth
- No asking passengers for ID
- No sharing information with ICE for the purpose of civil immigration enforcement
- No sharing resources with ICE for the purpose of civil immigration enforcement
- Effective training on these policies, monitoring practices on the ground, and enforcing repercussions for violations of these policies.





# QUESTIONS?

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# Action!

- Sign the Petition to tell State Police to stop collaborating with ICE!
  - <https://paimmigrant.ourpowerbase.net/civicrm/petition/sign?sid=1&reset=1>
- Get involved in local effort to pass a strong police policy limiting collaboration with ICE (see our Ally's Guide to Sanctuary for tools)
- Write op-eds/letters to the editors supporting strong policies



# TUITION EQUITY IN PA



**PICC**

# Tuition Equity – Ensuring Equal Access to Higher Education

- Policies allowing undocumented students to receive in-state tuition at institutions of higher education
- Some states allow eligible students to apply for state financial aid
- High school and GED graduates



# Get the Facts Right!

- **Dream Act**- federal legislation proposed in 2010 to grant undocumented students that came to the US before age 16 a pathway to citizenship if they attended college or joined the army. **NEVER PASSED!**
- **Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)** - 2012 executive order from President Obama to grant protection from deportation and provide work authorization to undocumented youth that came to the US before 16<sup>th</sup> birthday, before June 15, 2007, have lived in the US since that date and are currently attending or have graduated school in the US. **NO PATHWAY TO CITIZENSHIP, Must be renewed every 2 years.**
- **Passing Tuition Equity doesn't mean FREE Tuition for students**



## Education Equity Laws and Policies for Undocumented Students (with and without DACA) by State



	States with tuition equity law or policy.
	States with tuition equity laws and state financial aid.
	States with tuition equity laws and scholarship funding.

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	States where some university systems have tuition equity policies.
	States where DACA grantees may be eligible to pay in-state tuition rates at some institutions.
	States where some institutions ban undocumented students to enroll.

	States that ban enrollment of undocumented students without DACA, but may enroll DACA recipients.
	States where some institutions ban undocumented students. Have tuition equity laws for DACA grantees in the institutions where undocumented students are able to enroll.

	States that do not have any known tuition equity law or policies. Undocumented students, with or without DACA, in these states may be able to enroll in higher education institutions; however, they may have to pay out of state or an international student tuition.
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# Benefits of Tuition Equity in PA

- Great Investment in the future
- More high school graduation rates
- Less high school drop out rates
- Increase in college attendance
- Benefits to PA economy
- Encourages more young people to stay in Pennsylvania
- PA State Schools, administration and educators support this legislation





# Guidelines for Tuition Equity

- **All graduates of Pennsylvania high schools should have equal opportunity to attend college, regardless of immigration status.**

## **Legislation must:**

- Extend in-state tuition to all students regardless of immigration status, including undocumented students, students with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), and students with Temporary Protected Status (TPS)
  - All students who graduate from a Pennsylvania high school or attend two years of high school in Pennsylvania and receive the equivalent of a diploma are eligible to receive in-state tuition rates at community colleges, members of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, and private universities that receive state funds
- Extend state financial aid to all financially eligible students, regardless of immigration status





# QUESTIONS?

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# Action!

- Write op-eds/letters to the editor
- Call your state legislator
- Legislative Visits
  - [Tell us how it went!](#)
- Social media
  - #PATuitionEquity
- PICC's Tuition Equity Toolkit
  - <http://paimmigrant.org/toolbox/tuition-equity-toolkit/>



# Next #StopTheHate Webinar

- **January 25<sup>th</sup>, 12pm (noon)**
  - Register on our website!
- **Topics:**
  - Access to Driver Licenses for All
  - Welcoming New Americans: a State Office for New Americans



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